

## PENSIONS.

Some Interesting Points from the Commissioner's Report.

Nearly 30,000 Pensioners Died During the Year—New Pension Claims Allowed—Amount Paid Out to Claimants—Other Items of Interest.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Commissioner William L. Lochren, of the pension office, in his annual report, makes several pointed suggestions. Under the head of "patriotism and pensions" he says: "Those men who enlisted early and fought the battles of the war were not moved by mercenary considerations, and unless actually disabled did not show the haste in applying for pensions manifested by those who enlisted nearer the close of the war for large bounties and did little actual service, and who are now the noisiest in clamoring for more pensions. As compared with the latter class, the old soldiers of the war have been modest in preferring claims for pensions."

The commissioner says that many disreputable and incompetent men are engaged as pension attorneys, and suggests that none but reputable men be allowed to practice in such cases. Dishonest attorneys have given much trouble by systematic, criminal and fraudulent practices. Pension payments, the commissioner says, bring large amounts of money into communities, and the fear that the conviction of these attorneys would lessen the influx of money has showed itself in popular rancor against the special examiners whose investigations secured the conviction of criminals. The special examination division will not require as much money as in the past, for the reason that vigorous prosecution of frauds and crimes has discouraged and measurably stopped frauds. The death of many witnesses and the age of claimants has made it quite difficult in many cases lately to obtain proof sufficient for the granting of pensions. The commissioner recommends that some provision be made for the maintenance of deserving clerks in his bureau who have been long in the service and have become practically disabled.

The report shows that the number of pensioners June 30, 1894, was 993,544; new pensioners added during the year, 39,185; dropped pensioners restored, 4,206; deaths during the year, 29,810; dropped for causes, 14,573; making a net increase of pensioners during the year of 860. Pension claims allowed during the year, 39,185; denied, 103,355; cases pending, 552,310. The appropriation for the year was \$150,000,000, and there was paid during the year \$138,807,337. The estimates for pension payments, \$800,000 for surgeons' fees, and \$450,000 for clerk hire at the pension agencies, and about \$200,000 for other expenses.

The commissioner commends the vigor of the department of justice and of pension examiners in prosecuting dishonest attorneys and others who are engaged in pension frauds. Two hundred and ninety-four persons were convicted during the year for frauds.

### HOLMES ON TRIAL.

The Notorious Murderer Faces His Accusers in His Characteristic Style.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—H. H. Holmes, or Herman W. Mudgett, which, he says, is his baptismal name, was put on trial in the court of oyer and terminer yesterday for the murder of Benjamin F. Pitelitz, in this city on September 2, 1894. Protests and entreaties for the continuance of the trial were summarily overruled, the sudden withdrawal of the lawyers who had hitherto represented the prisoner, in the face of threats of disbarment; the appointment by the court of a new counsel, and the refusal of the prisoner to accept them as his defenders; the declaration of another lawyer to serve, after being selected by Holmes, and, finally, the prisoner trying his own case—these and sundry dramatic passages at arms between Holmes and the commonwealth's prosecuting officer were the features of the day.

Holmes, who, at the time of his arrest in Boston on November 17, last, was a stocky built man of middle height, has since his long confinement grown gaunt and hollow-cheeked. The prison bleach has brought his peaked face to a death-like pallor, heightened by the dark, close-cropped beard. In appearance, as he sat in the dock yesterday, he was neatness itself. The beard was carefully trimmed, the hair smoothly parted and the black cheviot suit wore betrayed no spot or blemish. His demeanor throughout, save on one or two occasions when he gave way to slight bursts of anger directed at the district attorney, was characterized by that marvelous display of nerve which has become associated with his name.

### DEATH ON A CURVE.

Two Men Killed in a Missouri Pacific Collision at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 30.—The suburban train on the Missouri Pacific road, one loaded down with suburbanites returning home from the theaters of this city and the other coming into town, collided within the city limits about midnight. A horrible wreck resulted, both engineers being killed and both firemen and a passenger being fatally injured.

## REVIEW OF TRADE.

Retail Distribution Fairly Encouraging—Wheat and Corn Declined.

New York, Nov. 2.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

While the rapid recovery in cotton and the rise in sterling exchange to the point at which the last exports of gold were made have not increased confidence, there is a little better feeling. Retail distribution is fairly encouraging and the closing of many weeks is less significant at this season than it might be at any other. It is a time of waiting, and uncertainty may naturally continue for some weeks.

Wheat has declined 1 1/2c and corn 3/4c in spite of many adverse reports about winter wheat. The present large shipments from other countries, the small Atlantic exports, in five weeks only 7,302,391 bushels, four included, against 11,724,392 last year, and the western receipts for five weeks of 37,703,490 bushels, against 37,530,073 last year, affect opinion more directly than does about next year's yield. Very large estimates of the corn crop have depressed prices, although exports have been in five weeks 12,212,821 bushels, against 4,823,648 bushels last year, a fact which has its weight in the wheat market also. Pork and lard are not much changed, though pork receipts and packing are heavy.

The heavy wheat and corn movement helps the railroads, but the earnings thus far reported for October, 8.3 per cent, larger than last year, the third week showing this gain more than the others, are 8.4 per cent, smaller than in 1892.

The larger demand for manufactured products has held the price of cotton goods, and even advanced some prints, in spite of last week's decline in cotton. The mills are said to be carrying only moderate stocks. More activity is also seen in iron and steel products.

### SHOCKS IN ROME.

Considerable Damage Done by an Earthquake in the Eternal City.

ROME, Nov. 2.—This city was visited by violent shocks of earthquake at 5:40 o'clock this morning. People were aroused from their slumbers and fled to the open squares and the greatest consternation prevailed. The convent of Santa Margherita was slightly damaged. A portion of the outer wall was overthrown and part of the ceiling had fallen. The old tower of the observatory was damaged. The shocks created a great panic among the inmates of the prison and a mutiny was attempted by the prisoners. Troops were quickly called to the assistance of the keepers and in a short time the mutiny was suppressed and order restored.

Investigation discloses the fact that the damage done by the quakes is much greater than was at first supposed. Four palaces and the Bank of Italy were so shaken that they were rendered unsafe for occupancy. The Palazzo Odescalchi, one of the finest palaces in Rome, and five other structures of that character are also seriously damaged.

### IMMIGRATION STATISTICS.

The Commissioner's Report Presents Some Instructive Figures—Proportion of Illiteracy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Commissioner of Immigration, Col. Stump, in his annual report covering the last fiscal year, shows total immigration for the year 258,531, which is less than any year since 1879. Of these 148,000 were males. The total amount of cash the immigrants brought with them is not less than \$4,000,000, but owing to the form of questions asked it is only known that total cash was not below this figure and it is estimated to be four times this amount, or about \$16,000,000. There were more immigrants from Ireland than from any other country, the total being 46,000, and of these 3,000 could not read nor write. There were 32,000 from Germany and of these only 636 were illiterate; from Italy 25,000, and of these 1,500 illiterate; from Greece 597, and of these 138 illiterate; from England 23,000, and 606 illiterate. The general showing of immigrants during the year, according to the report, much better than for some years.

### CLERICAL PERMITS.

Western Lines Reach an Agreement Covering Their Issue for Next Year.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 2.—An agreement was virtually adopted yesterday by the western roads, covering the issue of half fare clergy permits for the year 1896. It provides for the creation of a new bureau in connection with the Western Passenger association to have charge of the issue of all such permits. This will relieve the roads of an immense amount of clerical labor. It will also reduce to a minimum the possibility of demoralization from the misuse of such permits. All applications for the same must be made to the chairman, who will investigate, and if he finds the applicant entitled to the courtesy sought, will issue a joint permit which will be good on any western road. Each application must be accompanied by a 50-cent fee, which, if the permit be refused, will be returned. The object of this fee is to make the new bureau self-sustaining.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Man Shoots His Wife and Then Blows His Own Brains Out.

TIPPECANOE, O., Nov. 2.—At Green Springs a week ago Albert Fox, aged 28, parted from his bride of a month. Afterward he wanted her to live with him again, but she refused. Yesterday morning he made another request and she refused. As she was walking off he drew a revolver and shot her once in the back and a second time in the neck. A third shot he fired at her younger brother, who was with her, but the thickness of his clothing saved him. He then pressed the muzzle to his right temple and sent a bullet through his brain, causing death. The wife is fatally injured.

## Porosity of Glass.

That glass is porous to molecules below a certain weight and volume has been shown by recent electrolytic experiments made by Prof. Roberts-Austen, of the royal mint. A current was passed through a vessel containing an amalgam of sodium separated by a glass partition from mercury. After a while the amalgam was found to have lost a certain amount of its weight, while the same amount had been added to the mercury. The same result was obtained with an amalgam of lithium; but with potassium, whose atomic weight and volume are high, the glass could not be penetrated.—Scientific American.

### SYMPTOMS OF PARALYSIS.

From the Call, Lincoln, Neb.

DOUGLAS, NEB., May 8, 1895.

Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

GENTLEMEN:—This is to certify that I am a resident of Douglas, Otoe County, Neb., and am eighty years of age. I have been an almost constant sufferer nearly all my life.

Of late years I have had severe pain in my back and limbs, with numbness and pricking sensations in the extremities which some physicians pronounced symptoms of paralysis.

Last fall, having heard through friends of the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I purchased a half dozen boxes direct from you and began taking them according to directions.

At this time the action of my heart was giving me great anxiety. Its pulsations were weak and uncertain, with palpitation and very alarming symptoms upon the least excitement or over-exertion. Dizziness and headache were of frequent occurrence.

In a very short time after beginning treatment with the pills I began to feel their effect. The numbness became infrequent and less severe, when locomotion was easier. Trouble from palpitation decreased and I experienced a better condition of general health so that I felt twenty years younger. I felt so much better when the six boxes were gone that I discontinued treatment altogether.

With the advent of spring and warm weather I began to feel a return of the old symptoms, to some extent, so purchased another six boxes of your pills from Messrs. C. E. Clark & Co., of Syracuse, Neb., which, no doubt, will have the same good effect the first lot did. Respectfully,

Mrs. R. M. Wink.  
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are now given to the public as an unfailing blood builder and nerve restorer, curing all forms of weakness arising from a watery condition of the blood or shattered nerves. The pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price (50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50)—they are never sold in bulk or by the 100, by addressing Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

"The world" is a conventional phrase, which, being interpreted, signifies all the race in it.—Dickens.

### THE GENERAL MARKET.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 4.		
CATTLE—Best beefs.....	\$ 3.30	65 4.00
Stockers.....	2.80	65 3.70
Native cows.....	1.75	65 3.25
HOGS—Choice to heavy.....	3.30	65 3.55
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	63	65 64
No. 2 hard.....	58	65 58 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	23 1/2	65 24
OATS—No. 2 mixed.....	16	65 16 1/2
RYE—No. 2.....	21 1/2	65 21 3/4
FLOUR—Patent, per sack.....	1.75	65 1.95
Fancy.....	1.60	65 1.70
HAY—Choice timothy.....	10.00	65 11.00
Fancy prairie.....	6.50	65 7.00
BRAN—(sacked).....	45	65 45
BUTTER—Choice creamery.....	17	65 19
CHEESE—Full cream.....	8	65 11
EGGS—Choice.....	14 1/2	65 15
POTATOES.....	20	65 25

ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE—Native and shipping.....	3.00	65 4.20
Texans.....	3.00	65 2.50
HOGS—Heavy.....	3.50	65 3.70
SHEEP—Fair to choice.....	2.00	65 2.60
FLOUR—Choice.....	2.40	65 3.00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	61 1/2	65 61 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	20 1/2	65 20 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.....	17 1/2	65 17 1/2
RYE—No. 2.....	27 1/2	65 27 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery.....	18	65 24
LARD—Western steam.....	5.40	65 5.50
PORK.....	8.50	65 8.62 1/2

CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Common to prime.....	3.20	65 3.55
Packing and shipping.....	3.50	65 3.85
SHEEP—Fair to choice.....	1.50	65 3.40
FLOUR—Winter wheat.....	3.00	65 3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	60	65 62
CORN—No. 2.....	20 1/2	65 20 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	18 1/2	65 18 1/2
RYE.....	30	65 32 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery.....	18 1/2	65 22
LARD.....	5.50	65 5.52 1/2
PORK.....	8.30	65 8.40

NEW YORK.		
CATTLE—Native steers.....	3.25	65 4.40
HOGS—Good to choice.....	4.00	65 4.30
FLOUR—Good to choice.....	3.40	65 3.70
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	60 1/2	65 70 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	37	65 38
OATS—No. 2.....	23 1/2	65 23 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery.....	12	65 20
PORK—Mess.....	9.75	65 10.25

## Bubbles or Medals.

"Best sarsaparilla." When you think of it how contradictory that term is. For there can be only one best in anything—one best sarsaparilla, as there is one highest mountain, one longest river, one deepest ocean. And that best sarsaparilla is—? . . . There's the rub! You can measure mountain height and ocean depth, but how test sarsaparilla? You could, if you were chemists. But then, do you need to test it? The World's Fair Committee tested it, and thoroughly. They went behind the label on the bottle. What did this sarsaparilla test result in? Every make of sarsaparilla shut out of the Fair, except Ayer's. So it was that Ayer's was the only sarsaparilla admitted to the World's Fair. The committee found it the best. They had no room for anything that was not the best. And as the best, Ayer's Sarsaparilla received the medal and awards due its merits. Remember the word "best" is a bubble any breath can blow; but there are pins to prick such bubbles. Those others are blowing more "best sarsaparilla" bubbles since the World's Fair pricked the old ones. True, but Ayer's Sarsaparilla has the medal. The pin that scratches the medal proves it gold. The pin that pricks the bubble proves it wind. We point to medals, not bubbles, when we say: The best sarsaparilla is Ayer's.

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### Bobby's Disappointment.

Mrs. Yabsley was entertaining some ladies at a select little five o'clock tea, and Bobby, who had been exceptionally well behaved, was in high feather. "Ma," he said, as cake was being handed round, "may I have some tongue, please?" "There isn't any tongue, Bobby." "That's funny," commented Bobby. "I heard pa say there would be lots of it."—Tid-Bits.

RIDGEWAY, Mo., Aug. 17, 1895.

THE PISO COMPANY,

Warren, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Six years ago last Spring I took a severe cold, which settled on my lungs. I coughed and spit blood until my husband was alarmed about me. I told him to go to the drug store and get me a bottle of Piso's Cure for Consumption. He did so, and by the time I had taken its contents according to directions I was very much better. He then bought two more bottles, and they cured me.

In fact, we could hardly keep house without Piso's Cure for Consumption. My husband is subject to a cough every winter, and he says nothing (and he has tried every cough medicine on the market) helps him as does Piso's Cure.

You may publish the above if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. DELLA LOTT.

When a new paper is started in this section of the country, it is reported as another yarn mill in full operation.—Texas Sitings.

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And the locks grow scant and silvery, infirmities of age come on apace. To retard and ameliorate these is one of the benign effects of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine to which the aged and infirm can resort as a safe solace and invigorant. It counteracts a tendency to rheumatism and neuralgia, improves digestion, rectifies biliousness and overcomes malaria. A wine-glass before retiring promotes slumber.

The world is God's epistle to mankind—His thoughts are flashing upon us from every direction.—Plato.

### The Skill and Knowledge

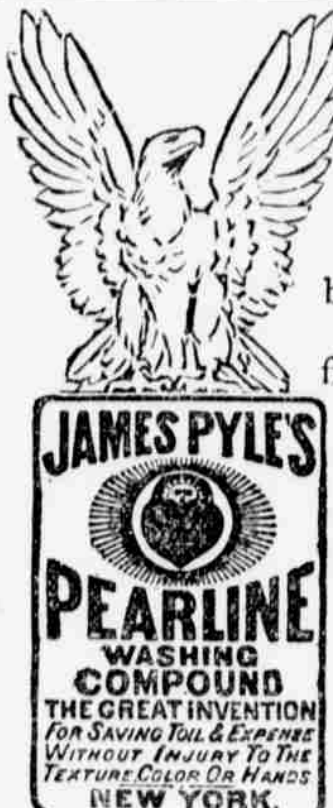
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A MAN can fool his girl's mother as to what wages he gets, but he can't fool her father.—Atchison Globe.

Pain often concentrates all its misery in

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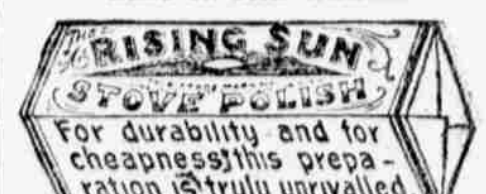


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